

1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

2 1. A method for selecting color for a dental prosthesis, the method comprising:

3 determining a skin color from a first pantone of colors;

4 determining a eye color from a second pantone of colors;

5 selecting a shape of the dental prosthesis; and

6 correlating the skin color, the eye color and the shape to a particular color for the  
7 dental prosthesis.

8 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first pantone of colors is based on a  
9 predetermined selection of patient skin colors.

10 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the second pantone of colors is based on a  
11 predetermined selection of patient eye colors.

12 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first pantone of colors is selected from the  
13 group consisting of red, yellow, and brown.

14 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the first pantone of colors is selected from the  
15 group consisting of light, medium, and dark.

16 6. The method of claim 4, wherein a percentage value is assigned to each of the three  
17 pantone colors.

18 7. The method of claim 5, wherein a percentage value is assigned to each of the three  
19 pantone colors.

20 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the shape selection of the prosthesis is based on  
21 the patient desired visual effect, tooth position and dental prognosis.

22 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the first pantone of colors includes a  
23 predetermined skin complexion pantone and a predetermined skin color pantone.

24 10. A method of selecting teeth to obtain a desired cosmetic effect in a patient, the  
25 method comprising:

26 determining the patient's skin color based on a first pantone of predetermined skin  
27 colors;

28 determining the patient's eye color based on a second pantone of predetermined  
29 eye colors;

30 determining the shape of each tooth, and

1 correlating the skin color, eye color and shape to a particular color for the teeth.

2 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the first pantone of colors is based on a  
3 predetermined selection of patient skin colors and a predetermined selection of patient  
4 skin complexions.

5 12. The method of claim 10, wherein the second pantone of colors is based on a  
6 predetermined selection of patient eye colors.

7 13. The method of claim 11, wherein the predetermined selection of patient skin  
8 colors are selected from the group consisting of red, yellow and brown.

9 14. The method of claim 12, wherein the predetermined selection of patient eye colors  
10 are selected from the group consisting of light, medium, and dark.

11 15. The method of claim 13, wherein a percentage value is assigned to each of the  
12 three pantone colors.

13 16. The method of claim 14, wherein a percentage value is assigned to each of the  
14 three pantone colors.

15 17. The method of claim 10, wherein the shape selection of each tooth is based on the  
16 patient desired visual effect, tooth position and dental prognosis.

17 18. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is carried out with the assistance of a  
18 computer or computer network so as to provide a modified digital image to illustrate the  
19 cosmetic effect of a specific selection.

20 19. The method of claim 10, wherein the method is carried out with the assistance of a  
21 computer or computer network so as to provide a modified digital image to illustrate the  
22 cosmetic effect of a specific selection.

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